

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A three-dimensional retroreflective article, comprising:
 - 5 a polymeric compound, comprising:
 - (a) a thermoplastic polymer capable of forming the article via extrusion or molding;
 - (b) glass microspheres; and
 - (c) metallic flakes in an amount of from about 0.2 to about 1.5 weight percent of the compound, wherein the glass microspheres and metallic flakes impart retroreflectivity to the three-dimensional retroreflective article after extrusion or molding, and wherein the retroreflectivity resides on all surfaces of the three-dimensional retroreflective article after extrusion or molding and throughout bulk of the three-dimensional retroreflective article after extrusion or molding.
2. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein at least some of the glass microspheres are coated with a metal.
- 20 3. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein the metal is aluminum and wherein the metallic flakes are aluminum.
4. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, polyhaloolefins, polyamides, polyesters, polycarbonates, polystyrenes, polysiloxanes, and blends, mixtures, and alloys of them.
- 25 5. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is acrylic-styrene-acrylonitrile.

6. (Currently Amended) The article of Claim 1, wherein the metallic flakes are present in an amount of from about 0.2 to about 1.5 0.5 to about 1.0 weight percent of the compound.

5 7. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1 wherein the compound further comprises colorant.

8. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein the article is a motor vehicle part.

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9. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein the surfaces comprise flat surfaces, simple curved surfaces, compound curve surfaces or combinations thereof.

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10. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein the article is safety restraint or guide.

11. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein the article is a decorative embellishment for an intentionally dimly-lit interior location.

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12. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein the article is a location or directional marker for exterior locations.

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13. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 2, wherein the metal is aluminum and wherein the metallic flakes are aluminum, and wherein the thermoplastic polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, polyhaloolefins, polyamides, polyesters, polycarbonates, polystyrenes, polysiloxanes, and blends, mixtures, and alloys of them.

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14. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 2, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is acrylic-styrene-acrylonitrile and wherein the metallic flakes are present in an amount of from about 0.2 to about 1.5 weight percent of the compound.

15. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 2 wherein the compound further comprises colorant.

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16. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 2, wherein the surfaces comprise flat surfaces, simple curved surfaces, compound curve surfaces or combinations thereof.

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17. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 2, wherein the article is a motor vehicle part.

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18. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 2, wherein the article is safety restraint or guide.

19. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 2, wherein the article is a decorative embellishment for an intentionally dimly-lit interior location.

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20. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 2, wherein the article is a location or directional marker for exterior locations.